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PART VI

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE, OLD PUBLIC OFFICES, BANGALORE.

Press Note.

SALE OF NEW TRACTORS TO RAIYATS ON HIRE PURCHASE BASIS.

In response to proposals for financial assistance for the sale of new tractors to raiyats on Hire Purchase basis, Government of India have been pleased to sanction a sum of Rs. 2,50,000 for Mysore during the current year. The main features of the scheme are as follows :—

(1) One tractor and one plough, the cost of which does not exceed Rs. 12,000 in the aggregate will be issued to each raiyat subject to the rules and conditions prescribed in this behalf.

(2) The purchaser is free to select a tractor and a plough from any of the firms dealing in them.

(3) He has to deposit an amount equal to one-eighth of the value of the tractor and plough, and bind himself to pay the balance in seven, equal, annual instalments with interest at 5 per cent per annum.

(4) The security for the unpaid balance will be in the shape of immovable properties owned by the purchaser which should be free from all encumbrances, and the value of which shall be not less than double the value of the tractor and plough.

(5) The purchaser has, besides, to furnish two personal sureties binding themselves to the payment of the amounts due on behalf of the purchaser in case of default.

(6) Detailed rules governing this scheme and the forms of application, agreement, etc., will be published in due course.

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Press Note.

RAGI CROP IN KOLAR TALUK.

Reports have appeared in a section of the local press that the ragi crop growing on about 5,000 acres in Kolar Taluk would be a total failure due to the defective seeds supplied by the Government Agricultural Depots. It is stated that the crop grew to a height of 6″ in the first instance and thereafter showed signs of withering and did not grow as well as expected and this retarded growth is ascribed to diseased seeds. Realising the gravity of this allegation, the officials of the Agricultural Department inspected the crop with a view to report on any incidence of disease.

It is now ascertained that the crop grew well in the early stages with profuse tillering but that it began to retard in growth for want of rains in the month of August. Immediately thereafter, seasonal conditions changed and there were heavy showers in the month of September. This heavy rainfall, after a period almost amounting to drought, has resulted in the unsatisfactory growth of the plants. That the retard in growth is not due to seeds is shown from enquiries made from the local raiyats, some of whom had obtained seedlings raised out of the same seeds sown under dry conditions. These seedlings were later transplanted in their fields. The transplanted seedlings have grown well and the crop is reported to be good. There are no signs of any infection by fungus. If there had been any defect in the original seed supplied from the Depot, the transplanted crop should also have suffered, but this is not so.

As regards the acreage where the crop has suffered, it is not more than about 300 acres and not 5,000 acres as mentioned in the Press Report.

Regarding the source from which the seeds have been supplied, it has been ascertained that they are not seeds produced on the departmental farms or procured from certified seed growers. Due to continued failure of the ragi crop during the past few years and subsequent decontrol, seed ragi was hard to get. With the early showers, there was heavy rush for the seeds and since seeds were not readily available either in the Government Farms or with certified growers recognised by the Agricultural Department, procurement of seeds from private individuals with guarantee of purity and soundness was practically impossible. Efforts were, therefore, made to test for germination the stock of seeds available in the Reserve godowns under the control of the Food Department before distribution to raiyats, as an emergent measure to tide over the situation. Seeds were only tested for germination. That the seeds were not attacked by any disease and germinated well as per tests conducted is borne out by the fact that the crop grew well in the early stages. It is only due to unfavourable seasonal conditions that the crop suffered in the later period.

P.N. No. 93—4-11-53.

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FOREST DEPARTMENT

BANGALORE FOREST DIVISION.

Notification dated 10th November 1953.

Re :—Sale of Casuarina Plantations in Bangalore Range during 1953-54.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove the casuarina trees yielding poles and firewood in the undermentioned plantation will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, Bangalore District or by any other officer deputed by him on Monday, the 7th December 1953 at 2 P.M. in the District Forest Office, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore-3. The sale is subject to the confirmation by the District Forest Officer, or the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, as the case may be.

The sale will be held on acreage basis. Each bidder shall, before he is permitted to bid, produce a solvency certificate in the prescribed form with an earnest deposit of Rs. 200 with the Sale Conducting Officer.

Immediately after the sale is closed the highest bidder should pay the full sale amount with usual cesses and sales tax at the rate of Re. 0-3-3 in the Rupee.

The trees purchased should be removed before the end of March 1954 from the date of execution of the agreement which the purchaser has to execute within seven days from the date of intimation of the confirmation order.

For further conditions and other particulars please apply to the District Forest Officer, Bangalore District, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore-3.

SCHEDULE.

	Name of State Forest		Year of Plantation	Area of Plantation
1.	Jarakabande 'A' Block	...	1945-46 Plantations.	50 acres

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